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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street NW, Room CY-B402
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Application for SBC, Pursuant to Section 270 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for Authorization To Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin, WC Docket No 03-167

Dear M. Dortch,

The Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce supports SBC's entry into the long distance phone service market. We believe that more competition will offer benefits for both business and individual consumers. SBC currently competes with many other providers on local service and we believe the citizens and businesses in Peoria and throughout Illinois would benefit if SBC were part of the competitive mix for long distance service also.

SBC's entrance into the long distance market will promote competition in both the local and long distance market, give customers more choice, lower long distance rates and offer an improved convenience factor for customers wanting to have one stop shopping. It will lead to a more vibrant and fully competitive telecommunications industry and give all consumers a fuller range of choices.

Sincerely,

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Senior Vice President/COO



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